

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 14 as indicated below. Deletions appear in ~~strikethrough~~ font, and additions are underlined. The listing of claims below will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Complete listing of claims.

1. (Previously presented) A method for producing a decorative laminate comprising a carrying layer comprising the following steps:
 - impregnating a substrate with a thermosetting resin and further impregnating or coating the so impregnated substrate with a dispersion comprising thermally expandable microspheres, thereby forming a layered material;
 - assembling the laminate by positioning the layered material comprising thermally expandable microspheres under a carrying layer and by positioning a decorative layer impregnated with a thermosetting resin on top of the carrying layer.
2. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the decorative layer is impregnated with a melamine resin.
3. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the layered material comprising thermally expandable microspheres forms the outermost layer on the underside of the decorative laminate.
4. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the method further comprises expanding the microspheres.
5. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1, further comprising:

heating at least the layered material comprising thermally expandable microspheres, without pressing, above the temperature at which the microspheres start to expand.

6. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the layered material comprising thermally expandable microspheres further comprises a paper.
7. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the laminate is a decorative flooring material.
8. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the laminate is a parquet flooring material.
9. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the thermally expandable microspheres are dispersed in a thermoplastic polymer.
10. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 9, wherein the thermoplastic polymer has a glass transition temperature from about -100°C to about $+10^{\circ}\text{C}$.
11. (Previously presented) A material comprising a carrying layer, a decorative layer and a layered material;
wherein the layered material comprises a substrate that has been impregnated with a thermosetting resin and has been further impregnated or coated with a dispersion comprising expandable microspheres; and
wherein said layered material is positioned under the carrying layer and the decorative layer is positioned on top of the carrying layer.
12. (Original) A layered material according to claim 11 wherein the microspheres are dispersed within a thermoplastic polymer.

13. (Previously presented) A layered material according to claim 12, wherein the thermoplastic polymer has a glass transition temperature from about -100 °C to about + 10°C.
14. (Currently Amended) A layered flooring material obtainable by a method comprising:
impregnating a substrate with a thermosetting resin;
further coating or impregnating the so impregnated substrate with thermally expandable microspheres; and
assembling the layered flooring material by positioning the so impregnated substrate ~~on top of~~ under a carrying layer, and by positioning a decorative layer impregnated with a thermosetting resin ~~under~~ on top of the carrying layer.
15. (Previously presented) A layered flooring material according to claim 14, wherein the thermally expandable microspheres are dispersed in a continuous phase comprising a thermoplastic polymer.
16. (Previously presented) A layered flooring material according to claim 14, wherein the method for obtaining the layered flooring material further comprises heating under pressure.
17. (Previously presented) A layered material according to claim 11, wherein the dispersion comprises a polyurethane.
18. (Previously presented) A layered material according to claim 11, wherein the substrate comprises a paper.

19. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 10, wherein the thermoplastic polymer has a glass transition temperature from about -80°C to about -20°C .
20. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 13, wherein the thermoplastic polymer has a glass transition temperature from about -80°C to about -20°C .
21. (Previously presented) A layered flooring material according to claim 15, wherein the thermoplastic polymer has a glass transition temperature from about -100°C to about $+10^{\circ}\text{C}$.
22. (New) A layered flooring material according to claim 21, wherein the thermoplastic polymer has a glass transition temperature from about -80°C to about -20°C .